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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MINISTER ISHIDA AND
SECRETARY MARSHALL

1. FYI: FOLLOWING IS AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN
MINISTER OF LABOR ISHIDA AND SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL.
THE EXCHANGE WAS HANDLED THROUGH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON.

2. MINISTER OF LABOR HIROHIDE ISHIDA'S LETTER TO SECRETARY
MARSHALL DATED JULY 12, 1977:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY DEEP CONCERN THAT THE UNITED
STATES MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO IN THE LIGHT OF THE OUT-
COME OF ITS 63RD GENERAL CONFERENCE, AND TO URGE THAT IN
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VIEW OF THE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH SUCH ACTION
MIGHT ENTAIL, THE UNITED STATES CHOOSE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE
ORGANIZATION.

IT IS A MATTER OF DEEP REGRET TO ME, NO LESS THAN TO YOU,
THAT THE 63RD SESSION ENDED IN SUCH A DISAPPOINTING MANNER,
LEAVING UNSOLVED A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF BASIC IMPORTANCE FOR

THE FUTURE OF THE ILO.

IT MUST BE RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE ITS FOUNDING, THE ILO HAS CONSISTENTLY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN ENHANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LABOR IN ALL COUNTRIES, ON THE PREMISE THAT LASTING PEACE CAN BE ESTABLISHED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE.

QUITE OBVIOUSLY THE UNITED STATES' WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT ONLY IMPAIR THE ILO'S UNIVERSAL CHARACTER, BUT WOULD FURTHER THE UNDESIRABLE TENDENCY SUGGESTED IN THE LETTER STATING YOUR COUNTRY'S INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO.

I AM AWARE OF THE VARIOUS VIEWS HELD ON THIS MATTER IN YOUR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, I DO HOPE THAT IN THE INTEREST OF ALL COUNTRIES DESIRING PEACE BASED ON INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND DIGNITY, THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN IN THE ILO, AND CONTINUE THE PATIENT EFFORTS TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF THE LOFTY IDEAL EMBODIED IN THE DECLARATION OF PHILADELPHIA.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE ILO CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FUTURE THROUGH THE COOPERATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE FELLOW INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT JAPAN WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE MORE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF

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THE ILO IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY,

HIROHIDE ISHIDA
MINISTER OF LABOR
TOKYO, JAPAN

3. SECRETARY MARSHALL'S REPLY TO MINISTER ISHIDA DATED JULY 25, 1977:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF JULY 12 CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, DELIVERED TO ME BY AMBASSADOR FUMIHIKO TOGO.

I SHARE WITH YOU THE DEEP REGRET AT THE OUTCOME OF THE 63RD SESSION OF THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

AT THE SAME TIME I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR
THE COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE

DELEGATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE FAILURE OF OUR
JOINT EFFORTS, TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF OTHER INDUSTRIAL
DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, IN ACHIEVING IN THE CONFERENCE
SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO MODIFY THE TRENDS AWAY FROM ACCEPTED
PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES OF THE ORGANIZATION IS A
DISAPPOINTMENT TO US ALL.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE ARE ASSESSING THE BASIC QUESTION
OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ILO AND WHETHER THE LETTER OF
INTENT TO WITHDRAW OF NOVEMBER 5, 1975 WILL BE PERMITTED
TO RUN ITS COURSE. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT THE CONSIDERA-
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TIONS POINTED TO IN YOUR LETTER WILL BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

SECRETARY OF LABOR VANCE

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